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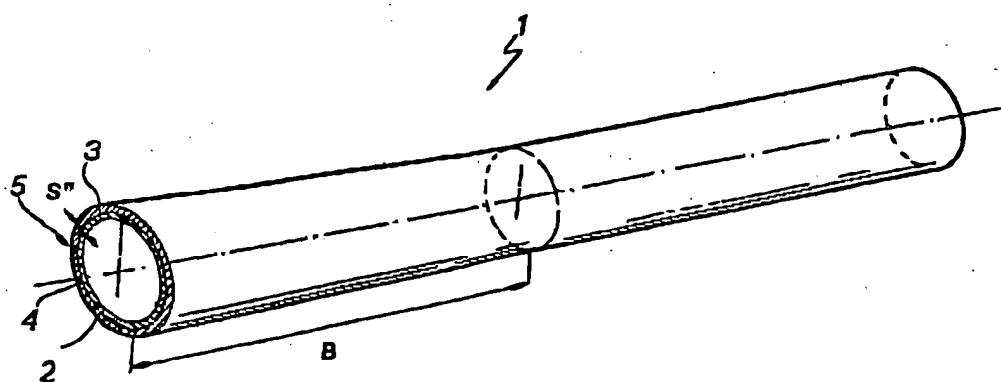
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(57) Abstract: A reinforced flexible hose (1) comprising at least a first inner extruded tubular layer (3) and at least a second extruded tubular layer (2) with a tubular reinforcement fabric (4) provided between said first (3) and second (2) hoses. The two tubes are joined so as to form a homogeneous unit by their mutual contact surfaces, by gluing or molecular adhesion for example. The end portion of the hose (1) increases in width so much as to make it possible to achieve a better mechanical hold with the standard junctions to which it is bound to be fixed. The thickness increases at the end portions may either be constant along its whole length, or start gradually toward the end.